



GOVERNOR'S OFFICE OF
BUDGET AND PROGRAM PLANNING

Fiscal Note 2017 Biennium

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| Bill # | HB0206 | Title: | Revise grass commission laws |
| Primary Sponsor: | Lang, Mike | Status: | As Introduced |

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Significant Local Gov Impact | <input type="checkbox"/> Needs to be included in HB 2 | <input type="checkbox"/> Technical Concerns |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Included in the Executive Budget | <input type="checkbox"/> Significant Long-Term Impacts | <input type="checkbox"/> Dedicated Revenue Form Attached |

FISCAL SUMMARY

| | <u>FY 2016</u> <u>Difference</u> | <u>FY 2017</u> <u>Difference</u> | <u>FY 2018</u> <u>Difference</u> | <u>FY 2019</u> <u>Difference</u> |
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| Expenditures: | | | | |
| General Fund | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 |
| Revenue: | | | | |
| General Fund | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 |
| Net Impact-General Fund Balance: | <u>\$0</u> | <u>\$0</u> | <u>\$0</u> | <u>\$0</u> |

Description of fiscal impact: HB 206 removes the current law requirement that the Montana Grass Commission (commission) meet annually at the main offices in Helena, Montana. It leaves the meeting location to the discretion of the presiding officer. This bill has no fiscal impact to the state.

FISCAL ANALYSIS

Assumptions:

- The commission is composed of five members:
 - two members who are either officers of or who serve on the board of directors of a state district;
 - two members who hold active grazing preference rights within a state district; and
 - one member of the public who possesses a general understanding of the livestock industry and the proper use of rangelands within state districts for the purpose of livestock production.
- In addition to the Helena meeting, a number of meetings are also held in Billings each year. Four of the members are required to live in grazing districts. Most grazing districts are in eastern Montana. Presently, cost of travel to Helena for commission members is \$2,315 while travel to Billings is \$1,669.
- It is assumed that money saved by meeting "at a place determined by the presiding officer" would remain in the commission budget and could be used by the grazing districts for their operations instead of travel costs.

Sponsor's Initials

Date

Budget Director's Initials

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